

Senior Citizens Slate Learning Programs

The Torrance Committee on Aging has announced plans for a unique information day program for senior citizens to be conducted next Monday, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd.

Speakers and panels will present information to help seniors meet and conquer problems faced during the later years in life. Particular emphasis will be placed on preparing for the possibility of widowhood.

"Although no one likes to think about being a widow or widower, for many senior citizens the prospect is very real and we must all learn to accept it," says Mrs. Lillian Whitcombe, committee chairman. "If you have thought about it ahead of time and have some idea of how you will shape your life in that eventuality, the difficult adjustment will be much easier to make."

Featured speakers and topics will be: Sy Sadler, Social Security Administration field representative, discussing social security and medicare; John Smith, Security Pacific National Bank trust officer, speaking on financial matters, including wills and estate planning; Ken Hultgren of the American Association of Retired Persons, telling how seniors can maintain their drivers licenses and insurance coverage; and the Rev. Francis Rath, representing the South Bay Ministerial Association, who will talk about personal adjustments and will also be moderator.

Other participants will discuss home health care and veterans benefits. In addition to the speakers, free literature will be available.

New Attempt Launched To Limit Property Tax

A constitutional amendment placing a property tax limit of 1 per cent of cash market value on owner-occupied single family dwelling units has been introduced in the legislature with Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend (D-Torrance), as co-author.

A similar measure was introduced in the 1968 session of the state legislature but was killed on the floor of the lower house during a special session which produced Proposition 1-A. The latter was adopted by the voters in November.

"I am convinced that this measure will bring meaningful tax reform to the people of California," Townsend said.

THE MEASURE provides that any single-family dwelling occu-

pled by the owners would be limited to one per cent of full cash value. It also provides that this tax limit may be exceeded to pay bonded indebtedness in the manner provided by law.

A unique feature of the constitutional change co-authored by the Torrance lawmaker provides that no ad valorem taxes shall be levied for the support of the public school system, again reserving the right to assume bonded indebtedness.

Townsend said he could not give "unqualified support" to Proposition 9 last November because it gave the same property tax relief to all property owners and placed a limitation on bonding.

"IN ADDITION to preserving

the right to bonding by the people," Townsend said, "this amendment specifies that other types of property may be taxed at a rate different than the rate for single-family dwellings.

"I believe that if a case can be made for the exemption of food, drugs and medicine from taxation because they are necessary to the sustenance of life, that we can also make the same case for limiting the taxation on a man's home."

If the measure — Assembly constitutional Amendment 2 — passes both houses, by a two-thirds majority, it would then be placed on the 1970 general election ballot for ratification by the people.

Sixty Suits Gone From Men's Store

Some 60 men's suits, valued at a total of \$6,000, were stolen at 4 a.m. Saturday from Kay's Men's Store, 21446 Hawthorne Blvd. in a daring window-smash burglary.

Burglars apparently shattered the front window of the shop, gathered up the suits, and fled, leaving other valuable items behind. A silent alarm summoned police, but they were too late to apprehend any suspects.

Store owner Michael Kasino, 32, of Palos Verdes Estates, told police he was not insured for the loss.

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